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FOR AMBASSADOR PORTER FROM CHARGE

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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PORTER IN JIDDA

REF: DCM HORAN'S NOV 25 LETTER TO AMBASSADOR PORTER,
435 TAW RHEIN MAIN'S 021330Z JAN 76,
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1. ARRIVAL AND SOME POSSIBLE INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITIES:
FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AMBASSADOR SALIM
SUNBUL, HAS DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY ARRANGEMENTS FOR
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PORTER'S ARRIVAL IN JIDDA; HIS
SUGGESTIONS ARE OUTLINED BELOW:

FRIDAY, JAN 16-2055 (LOCAL): ARRIVAL AT JIDDA INTER-
NATIONAL AIRPORT. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PORTER WILL BE
MET PLANESIDE BY FONMIN CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR
SUNBUL AND DCM HUME HORAN. SUNBUL SPEAKS ENGLISH.
EMBASSY EXPEDITER WILL BE ON HAND TO RECEIVE PASSPORTS,
LUGGAGE CHECKS, ETC. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PORTER, MS.
EARDLEY, AMBASSADOR SUNBUL AND DCM WILL THEN PROCEED
BY AIRPORT LIMOUSINE TO VIP LOUNGE WHERE SENIOR
EMBASSY OFFICERS (AND THEIR WIVES IF AT POST) WILL
BE PRESENTED TO THE PORTERS.

SUNBUL PREFERS ARRIVAL CEREMONY BE CONFINED TO THE
SENIOR MEMBERS OF AMBASSADOR'S STAFF. ACCORDINGLY,
THOSE PRESENT WILL INCLUDE CPAO/SPECIAL ASSISTANT
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TALLEY; COUNSELOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS NICHOLAS
MURPHY; FIRST SECRETARY RAYMOND CLOSE; DEPUTY PAO
ROBERT JONES; AND CONSUL BILL GREEN.

AMBASSADOR SUNBUL WILL REITERATE HIS WELCOME TO SAUDI
ARABIA AND DEPART. THEREAFTER, AMBASSADOR, MRS. PORTER
AND MS. EARDLEY MAY PROCEED TO EMBASSY. FOREIGN
MINISTRY DOES NOT RPT NOT OFFER TEA OR COFFEE IN VIP
LOUNGE ON SUCH OCCASIONS. AN EMBASSY PHOTOGRAPHER WILL
RECORD AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PORTER'S ARRIVAL FOR THEIR
PERSONAL RECOLLECTION.

DCM AND MRS. HORAN WOULD ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PORTER
TO EMBASSY COMPOUND. MS. EARLDEY WILL RIDE WITH MR. AND
MRS. SWEDENBURG. (SAUDI SECURITY FOLLOW CAR ALWAYS ACCOMPANIES
AMBASSADOR SEDAN WHENEVER OFF EMBASSY COMPOUND.)

SATURDAY, JAN 17: THE MORNING AFTER AMBASSADOR
PORTER'S ARRIVAL, THE EMBASSY IS TO CALL AMBASSADOR
SUNBUL TO REQUEST MINISTRY APPOINTMENT FOR AMBASSADOR
TO PRESENT COPY OF HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE, AND LETTER
OF RECALL FOR HIS PREDECESSOR. SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE
NORMALLY PRESENTED TO MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL. BECAUSE PRINCE SAUD IS OFTEN
IN RIYADH, HOWEVER, HE MAY DEPUTIZE AMBASSADOR SUNBUL
TO ACT IN HIS PLACE. THE AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE LOCAL PAPERS.

ON JAN 17 ALSO, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL REQUEST
FROM ROYAL PROTOCOL AN AUDIENCE WITH KING KHALID FOR
THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS. THIS
CUSTOMARILY TAKES PLACE WITHIN TWO OR THREE WEEKS
OF AN AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL AT POST.

DCM AND MRS. HORAN WOULD BE HAPPY IF AMBASSADOR AND
MRS. PORTER WOULD HAVE SUPPER WITH THEM THAT EVENING
AT 2000. DCM'S SECRETARY, MRS. FERRIS, INVITES
MS. EARDLEY TO SUPPER WITH HER FOR THE SAME TIME.
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SUNDAY, JAN 18- EMBASSY RECEPTION: DCM AND MRS.
HORAN WOULD BE HAPPY TO GIVE A RECEPTION AT THEIR
RESIDENCE TO PRESENT OTHER AMERICAN EMBASSY MEMBERS
AND THEIR WIVES TO AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PORTER. A
FEW OF THE MOST SENIOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND THEIR
WIVES WOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED. A POSSIBLE TIME
COULD BE 1930-2130.

MONDAY, JAN 19: DHAHRAN-CONSUL GENERAL AND MRS. ROBERT BUSHNELL WOULD WISH TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PORTER. CG BUSHNELL WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS.

TUESDAY, JAN 20: 1000 HOURS:CALL ON AMBASSADOR BY U.S. MILITARY TRAINING MISSION CHIEF (RESIDENT IN DHAHRAN) BG JAMES AHMANN AND SENIOR U.S. MILITARY OFFICERS IN-COUNTRY, INCLUDING BG RICHARD LAURENCE (RESIDENT IN RIYADH) COMMANDER, U.S. TRAINING DETACHMENT TO SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL GUARD (SANG), AND CORPS OF ENGINEER CHIEF (RESIDENT IN RIYADH) COL. GEORGE GRAY. GENRAL AHMANN WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPLEMENT AMBASSADOR'S WASHINGTON BRIEFINGS WITH LATEST REPORT ON U.S. MILITARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN SAUDI ARABIA.

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GENERAL AHMANN, GENERAL LAURENCE AND COLONEL GRAY WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES, WHO WOULD WISH TO CALL ON MRS. PORTER.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 21: U.S. LIAISON OFFICER TO JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION (JECOR) FIRST SECRETARY SHIRL MCARTHUR AND JECOR DIRECTOR BRUCE MORGAN (BOTH RESIDENT IN RIYADH) COULD CALL UPON AMBASSADOR AND PRESENT A PROGRAM REVIEW. THIER WIVES WOULD ACCOMPANY AND WOULD WISH TO CALL ON MRS. PORTER.

2. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS: A PROGRAM FOR SAUDI ARABIA'S CREDENTIALS CEREMONY WILL BE PROVIDED

TO AMBASSADOR PORTER AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AT POST.
THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS WILL TAKE PLACE IN
RIYADH. DARK BUSINESS SUIT IS WORN. AMBASSADOR PORTER
AND HIS SENIOR STAFF WILL TRAVEL TO RIYADH THE DAY
BEFORE CREDENTIALS ARE TO BE PRESENTED; THE AMBASSADOR
AND HIS PARTY WILL TRAVEL AND BE LODGED AS GUESTS OF
THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT. AMBASSADORS ARE USUALLY PUT
UP AT THE NEW INTERCONTINENTAL WHICH IS
INCOMPARABLY BETTER THAN ANY OF RIYADH'S OTHER HOTELS.

3. CALL ON CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND OTHERS: MEETING
WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD BIN ABD AL AZIZ WILL NOT
TAKE PLACE DURING THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS
VISIT. A REQUEST FOR SUCH A MEETING CAN BE MADE
TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY UPON THE AMBASSADOR'S
RETURN FROM RIYADH; A TIME AND DATE WILL PROMPTLY
BE FORTHCOMING. A LIST OF OTHER SUGGESTED CALLS
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(INCLUDING PRINCES AND MINISTERS) WILL BE PROVIDED
AMBASSADOR PORTER ON ARRIVAL.

4. CALLS BY MRS. PORTER: A LIST OF CALLS MRS.
PORTER MAY WISH TO MAKE WILL ALSO BE READY UPON
ARRIVAL. MRS. PORTER WILL NOT, HOWEVER. ACCOMPANY
THE AMBASSADOR TO RIYADH ON THE DAY OF THE CREDENTIALS
CEREMONY. AFTER THE AMBASSADOR HAS PRESENTED HIS
CREDENTIALS, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ROYAL PROTOCOL
WILL ARRANGE FOR CALLS ON QUEEN SEETA, WIFE OF KING
KHALID AND QUEEN IFFAT, WIFE OF THE LATE KING FAISAL.
MRS. PORTER MAY TAKE ONE OR TWO COMPANIONS ON SUCH
CALLS.

5. ACTIVITY PRIOR TO PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS:

A) AMBASSADOR SUNBUL SAYS AMBASSADOR PORTER IS
WELCOME TO VISIT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT ANY TIME
ON BUSINESS PRIOR TO PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS.
OTHER OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES OF AN EXTERIOR NATURE SHOULD
BE AVOIDED.

B) AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY: THE AMBASSADOR
MIGHT WISH TO GIVE A DINNER FOR LEADERS OF THE U.S.
BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THEIR WIVES SOMETIME AFTER
HIS ARRIVAL AND BEFORE PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS.
THE MAJORITY WOULD BE FROM JIDDA BUT SOME OUT-OF-TOWN
GUESTS MIGHT INCLUDE ARAMCO BOARD CHAIRMAN AND MRS.
FRANK JUNGERS; ARAMCO PRESIDENT AND MRS. BROCK POWERS;
NORTHROP GENERAL MANAGER AND MRS. BEN COLLINS (DHAHRAN);
LOCKHEED VP AND MRS. DORM VIER (RIYADH) AND

FNCB'S VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MESERVE (RIYADH).
THERE COULD BE A TOTAL PROBABLY OF 30 GUESTS
INCLUDING FOUR OR FIVE EMBASSY COUPLES MOST
FAMILIAR WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. MFA HAS NO
OBJECTION TO SUCH A DINNER.

6. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AMBASSADOR'S
VIEWS ON FOREGOING PROPOSALS AND ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS
OR ADVICE HE OR MRS. PORTER MAY HAVE.

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